

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 201998 TOSEC 100139

63

ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 NSCE-00 /016 R

66615

DRAFTED BY S/S-O: L. MATTESON

APPROVED BY S/S-O: L. MATTESON

----- 068758

O 252124Z AUG 75 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 201998 TOSEC 100139

FOL REPEAT LISBON 4859 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN LONDON

MADRID MOSCOW PARIS STOCKHOLM NATO DIA WASHDC

USCINCEUR AUG 25

QTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L 4859

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

REF: LISBON 4844 DTG 241825Z AUG 75

SUMMARY: OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY HAS SUSPENDED FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF ITS AUGUST 24 COMMUNIQUE BECAUSE OF CONTINUED SLF-SERVING SPECULATION CONCERNING ITS CAREFULLY-WORDED CONTENT. PRESIDENCY HAS DECLARED "NULL" COMMUNIQUE SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED UNILATERIALLY BY COMMUNIST-LINING J-5 OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF INTERPRETING PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE AS REJECTIONS OF MELO ANTUNES GROUP. COMMUNISTS, THEIR SUPPORTERS, AND ULTRA-LEFT ARE MOUTNING FURIOUS LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO SAVE GONCALVES, INCLUDING FORMATION OF COMMON FRONT BY PCP AND ULTRA-LEFT GROUPS AND PUBLICATION OF SPURIOUS REPORT OF AMBASSADOR'S EMERGENCY RETURN TO WASHINGTON  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 201998 TOSEC 100139

FOLLOWING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT AND MELO ANTUNES GROUP. END

SUMMARY.

1. BATTLE OF COMMUNIQUE: OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY THIS MORNING (AUGUST 25) ISSUED TERSE STATEMENT ORDERING SUSPENSION OF FURTHER READING OF AND COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED PREVIOUS MORNING (REFTEL). STATEMENT ALSO DECLARED "NULL" COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AUGUST 24 BY J-5 (PROPAGANDA AND CULTURAL DYNAMIZATION) OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF ELABORATING UPON ORIGINAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE. A-5 COMMUNIQUE REPEATED SUBSTANCE OF EARLIER PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE BUT WENT MUCH BEYOND IT, GIVEN PRO-GONCALVES, LEFTIST SLA T. IT INCLUDED FOLLOWING POINTS:

- SUPPORTED UNITY OF AFM ON BASIS OF RADICAL DOCUMENT PREPARED BY COPCON OFFICERS AND PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE OF REVOLUTION PREPARED BY GONCALVES GOVERNMENT;
- SUPPORTED "CONCRETE MEASURES" PROPOSED BY GONCALVES GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST MOST DISADVANTAGED CLASSES;
- REJECTED MELO ANTUNES DOCUMENT.

2. FORCES TO LEFT OF MELO ANTUNES-OTELLO GROUP, INCLUDING COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS WITHIN AFM, COMMUNISTS, AND ELEMENTS OF ULTRA-LEFT, HAVE SEIZED UPON ORIGINAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE AS SUPPORTING THEIR POSITION AND IMPLICITLY REJECTING THE MELO ANTUNES MANIFESTO. MELO ANTUNES-OTELLO SUPPORTERS REFLECT GUARDED OPTIMISM AS TIME FOR DECISION NEARS. HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS CONTINUE AS ALL FACTIONS PREPARE FOR SHOWDOWN.

3. EIGHT PARTIES FORM REVOLUTIONARY FRONT: REPRESENTATIVES OF EIGHT LEFTIST PARTIES ISSUED COMMUNIQUE EARLY MORNING AUG 25 STATING THEIR AGREEMENT TO FORM A REVOLUTIONARY FRONT FOR THE COORDINATION OF THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THE EIGHT PARTIES WERE: PCP, MDP/CDE, PRP-BR, FSP, LCI, LUAR, MES, AND 1 DE MAIO. COMMUNIQUE SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFM WERE ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING WHICH DREW UP COMMUNIQUE. COMMUNIQUE ENDORSED FOLLOWING POINTS:

- CREATION OF COMMON FRONT AMONG REVOLUTIONARY PARTIES, AFM, AND UNITARY ORGANIZATIONS FOSTERED BY AFM PROGRAM FOR "DIRECT DEMOCRACY."
- ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL SECRETARIAT TO SERVE AS A CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 201998 TOSEC 100139

COORDINATING BODY.

- SUPPORT FOR THE COPCON DOCUMENT AND THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE GONCALVES GOVERNMENT.
- AN APPEAL TO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THE COMMON FRONT.

4. CUNHAL UPBEAT AT EVOA RALLY: A CROWD NUMBERING IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS ATTENDED AN AUGUST 24 RALLY IN EVORA CALLED BY THE

PCP, WITH THE ADHERENCE OF THE MDP/CE, MES, AND FSP. PCP SECRETARY GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL ADDRESSED RALLY. IN A GENERALLY UPBEAT SPEECH, H AFFIRMED THAT, AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS BY REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, REACTION WAS "BEGINNING TO RETREAT." CUNHAL COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON APRIL 24, PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH HE TERMED "IMPORTANT"

BY VIRTUE OF ITS PROVISIONS REGARDING:  
THE AFM, THE GOVERNMENT; THE NEED TO RESTORE PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND ORDER. SPECIFICALLY CUNHAL

SAID:

--AFM MUST BE RESTRUCTURED SO AS TO GUARANTEE ITS ROLE AS VANGUARD OF REVOLUTION:

--GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE RESTRUCTURED. IT IS WORKING WELL, WITH ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION, AND ITS REPLACEMENT WOULD AGGRAVATE PRESENT CRISIS.

--PUBLIC ORDER MUST BE RESTORED. VIOLENCE AGAINST LEFT IS RESULT OF PS LEADERSHIP'S ANTI-COMMUNIST ATTITUDE.

CUNHAL CONCLUDED WITH CALL FOR UNITY OF REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND AFM AND EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO DEFEAT REACTION.

5. VIOLENCE: INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE LEFT ON AUGUST 24 INCLUDED:

--HORTA, AZORES: 2,000 DEMONSTRATORS SUCCESSFULLY DEMANDED THE CLOSING OF THE LOCAL PCP OFFICE, THE REMOVAL OF PCP LEADERS FROM FAIAL, AND THE CANCELLATION OF AN ORDER TO TRANSFER TO SAO MIGUEL OF TWO POLICEMEN ACCUSED OF SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES.

--LEIRIA: FOLLOWING A DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF BISHOP, CROWD SACKED THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE MDP/CDE. A SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPT AGAINST PCP OFFICES WAS FOILED BY INTERVENTION OF TROOPS.

--SERZEDO: MDP/CDE OFFICE SACKED IN UNOPPOSED EARLY MORNING RAID.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 201998 TOSEC 100139

6. CDS RALLY: LARGE CROWDS ATTENDING CDS RALLY IN POVOA DE VARZIM ON AUGUST 24 HEARD SPEAKERS AMARO DA COSTA, FREITAS DE AMARAL, AND GALVAO DE MELO ATTACK PCP, VASCO GONCALVES, PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND OTELO. FOLLOWING RALLY, REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER FOR LEFTIST JOURNAL DE NOTICIAS (OPORTO) WERE ROUGHED UP BY CROWD.

7. PRO-CORVACHO DEMONSTRATION PLANNED: A GROUP OF OPORTO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS AND WORKER'S COUNCILS HAS SCHEDULED A DEMONSTRATION AUGUST 25 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR BRIG. EURICO CORVACHO, WHO WAS RELIEVED OF COMMAND OF THE NORTHERN MILITARY REGION ON AUGUST 19. PCP HAS ENDORSED DEMONSTRATION.

8. COMMENT: AS A DECISION TO OIST GONCALVES AT LAST APPEARS TO BE AT HANDN COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS WITHIN AFM, COMMUNISTS, AND ELEMENTS OF ULTRA-LEFT ARE PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS IN LAST DITCH EFFORT TO SAVE THE SITUATION. THE DESPERATION FELT BY THE LEFT IS REFLECTED IN THE UNPRECEDENTED AND PROBABLY SHORT-LIVED WORKING ALLIANCE FORMED BY THE PCP AND ITS BITTER ENEMIES ON THE FAR LEFT. THE EASILY CHECKED STORY ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR'S ALLEGED DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON FOLLOWING EMERGENCY MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE MELO ANTUNES GROUP (SEPTTEL) IS PROBABLY CALCULATED TO HAVE NO MORE THAN A 24-HOUR EFFECT, PRECISELY THE TIMEFRAME IN WHICH GONCALVES OUSTER HAS BEEN DEMANDED BY THE MELO ANTUNES-OTELLO GROUP.  
CARLUCCI

UNQTE  
INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** GOVERNMENT REFORM, TOSEC, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 25 AUG 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** RowellE0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE201998  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** O: L. MATTESON  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750294-0015  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750820/aaaaarom.tel  
**Line Count:** 186  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 LISBON 4844  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** RowellE0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <08 OCT 2003 by RowellE0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS  
**TAGS:** PINT, PO  
**To:** SECRETARY  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006